

Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Group I, claim(s) 2-24, drawn to a device comprising adjacent chambers, separated by partitions that are relatively moveable with respect to each other, and a rupture member. The rupture member moves the partitions and chambers towards each other so two or more chambers can be ruptured simultaneously.

Group II, claim(s) 26-28, drawn to a device with plural chambers.

The groups of inventions listed above do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: Group I required a rupture member and adjacent chambers that are separated by movable partitions that is not required by Group II.

During a telephone conversation with Mr. Malinzak on 8/26/11 a provisional election was made without traverse to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 2-24. Affirmation of this election must be made by applicant in replying to this Office action. Claims 26-28 are withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner, 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Malinzak on 8/26/11.

Claims 26-28 have been canceled.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: In addition to the remarks of record and the reasons for allowance in the 2/3/11 Office action, the cited prior art fails to teach or suggest a device comprising adjacent chambers, separated by partitions that are relatively moveable with respect to each other, and a rupture member. The rupture member moves the partitions and chambers towards each other so two or more chambers can be ruptured simultaneously.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LYLE ALEXANDER whose telephone number is (571)272-1254. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jill Warden can be reached on 571-272-1269. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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